



VICTORIA MANSION

A National Historic Landmark



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OUR MISSION

Our mission is to conserve, maintain, and restore the Victoria Mansion property and collections to the highest standards, and to interpret them in their social and historical context to a local, state, and national audience.



**Victoria Mansion Turkish Smoking Room,
photo by J. David Bohl**



Victoria Mansion Parlor, photo by J. David Bohl



ABOUT

Victoria Mansion, also known as the Morse-Libby Mansion, is a historic house museum in Portland, Maine. Built by architect Henry Austin between 1858-60 as a summer home for wealthy hotelier Ruggles Morse and his wife Olive, it is recognized for its extraordinary architecture and interiors by Gustave Herter. Saved from demolition in 1940, the house has been a museum since 1941 and a National Historic Landmark since 1970.

With its colorful wall and ceiling paintings by Italian artist Giuseppe Guidicini, brilliant stained glass, and over ninety percent of its original furnishings, Victoria Mansion represents a remarkable survival of preCivil War splendor. Victoria Mansion is open for tours May 1–October 31 and the day after Thanksgiving through the first week of January for the holiday season.



INCOMPARABLE INTERIORS



Silk Tassel from Parlor,
Paris, c. 1860.
Photo by Gail Dodge



Victoria Mansion Dressing Room
Photo by Gail Dodge



Nymphenburg Ornamental Vase,
Bavaria, c. 1830.
Photo by J. David Bohl



Cabinet, Gustave Herter, c. 1860.
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Pier Table, Gustave Herter, c. 1860. Photo by J. David Bohl



MEMBERSHIP

When you become a member of Victoria Mansion, you become a valued partner in our ongoing work to conserve this unique landmark and share it with others. In addition to benefits specific to each membership level, all members receive discounts to special events, access to members-only tours, lectures, and workshops, and a 10% discount on purchases at the Carriage House Museum Shop.

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Gaslight League (\$200)

Herter Circle (\$250)

Libby Circle (\$500)

Morse Associates (\$1,000)



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